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Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

In the following discussion, the term "testing" relates to a facility for exercising a component against an expected behaviour. "Verification" on the other hand is the capability to determine whether the component is valid for execution. References to 3rd Generation Language, or simply 3GL are to conventional compiled programming languages, for example the JAVA, C#, C++ or ADA programming languages. XML is the abbreviation for eXtensible Mark-up Language.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

Business procedures can be represented in a number of alternative notations. Known examples of business logic representations include: canonical XML based representations (for example BPML, ebXML, BIZTALK, XLANG, WS-BPEL or WSFL programming languages) and proprietary representations (HIPAA, IAA or FIPA).

Please replace the sixth full paragraph on page 4 with the following paragraph:

Advantageously, the executables are generated as source code in a third generation language. The third generation language may be one of the set of languages including the C, C++, C#, ADA, JAVA, DELPHI, VISUAL BASIC, and FORTRAN 90 programming languages.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following paragraph:

A process calculus defines strongly typed interfaces between processes (known as ports or channels). The definition of a type, in the context of such interfaces, includes both static types, which are typical in conventional programming languages (e.g. the JAVA, C#, C++, etc programming languages), as well as "behavioural" types, which are based on the externally observable behaviour of processes. It is the use of a behavioural type that allows the capture of the "semantic" interfaces between processes and, indeed, their representation as ports or

channels. Processes communicate with each other through these ports or channels, thereby interacting in a semantically correct way with one another.